# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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REJECTION OF INDIAN EDIBLE PRODUCTS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the incidents of rejection of Indian edible product consignments in International market are increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main reasons for rejection of our consignments; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the quality of Indian edible products?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b): All edible products are required to conform to international standards/standards of importing countries. As trade is being conducted between private parties, details of consignments are not ordinarily maintained by the Government. Instances of such rejections brought to the notice of the Government indicate that reasons for rejections include high levels of aflatoxin, pesticide residues above Minimum Residue Levels (MRLs) etc.

(c) : The Government through its export development boards and agencies are encouraging greater attention to quality through a variety of schemes including adoption of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), Technical process upgradation, training, assistance to improve sanitary and hygenic conditions etc.